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WHITE PAPER ON ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of proposed white paper on the environment and forests;

(b) the details of the action plan formulated to deal with the problems relating to the forests, wild life and environment and projection of resources required to implement the same; (

(c) the details of areas identified for private/FDI participation and projections thereof;

(d) the details of action taken/proposed to implement the recommendations of the Experts Committee/ Working Group;

(e) the present status thereof; and

(f) the details of other fresh policy initiatives taken/to be taken to address the major outstanding issues identified particularly in Maharashtra and the projects undertaken in the State during the last one year?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS

(SHRI BABULAL MARANDI)
(a)&(b) The State of Environment Report, National Forestry Action Programmeand the National Wildlife Action Planaddress issues relating to environment, forests and wildlife. The total projections for Ninth Five Year Plan are Rs.3013.84 crores.
(c),(d)&(e) Private/FDI participationis encouraged in agroforestry, farm forestry as also in areas of water & air pollution. FDI in environment and forest sectors is regulated through the Foreign Investment Promotion Board of the Ministry ofIndustrial Policy & Promotion. There is no separate Expert Committee/Working Group on Private/FDI participation in the field of environment and forests.
(f) The proposed major policy initiatives includes plantation of bamboo, medicinal plants and city forests in the country including Maharashtra. The projects undertaken in the past year in Maharashtra are :
Introduction of modern forest fire control methods Association of Scheduled Tribes and rural poor in regeneration of degraded forests on usufruct sharing basis Project Tiger Eco Development around important protected areas Development of National Parks and Sanctuaries Grants-in-aid to Zoological ParksRiver Conservation Integrated Afforestation and Eco Development ProjectsArea oriented fuelwood and fodder Projects Non timber forest produce including medicinal plants Conservation and management of Mangroves and Coral Reefs